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Summer fun arrives in Evergreen

District 8

Report

By Councilmember Rose Herrera Special to the Times

are fortunate to have exceptional family-oriented recreational areas V V in the Evergreen area such as Lake Cunningham Regional Park

and the adjacent water theme park, Raging Waters. And it's getting bigger and better with the addition of a new water ride called, "Bomb's Away!"

This standing drop-slide will be the first-of-it's-kind on the West Coast and begin five sto-ries above Lake Cunningham. I applaud Raging Waters for their innovation and commitment to family fun and look forward to future improvements in the Lake Cunningham Regional Park area. Join me at the ribbon-cutting to open this new thrill ride on Saturday, June 18 at 11 a.m. at Raging Waters.

Guests are required to RSVP at GroupSalesSanJose@RagingWaters.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number by June 17 at 3 p.m.

As a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, I am pleased to report good news for local summer youth programs. With the Task Force's launch of the "Safe Summer Initiative" funding allocations have been awarded to 35 non-profit organizations that provide summer activities and programming for youths at risk.

By providing kids with healthy alternatives to violence, they can get off the streets and participate in programs that foster physical and emotional growth. This is a positive move toward addressing the needs of youth who have a potential for turning their lives around and making contributions to the community.

It's a summer of water adventure as all community pools in San Jose will be open and available for swimming. In anticipation of the needs of the community during the summer months, I worked with my colleagues on the council to help secure the necessary funding for these programs. In the Evergreen area, West Coast Aquatics will run programming at Silver Creek High School. The fee is a low \$5 dollars and open to the public. Additionally, both Evergreen and Millbrook Community Centers have full ner programs including dance, art and NASA science camps. What a great way to spend the summer, learning new skills and

developing new talents!

The strength of a community is often based on the relationships we build and work to maintain. The Evergreen community has traditionally held this rule in high esteem. As

the summer months offer up famous Northern California good weather, longer days encourage us to venture out of our houses and into our neighborhoods.

Involved Evergreen, along with the support of my office, has planned some wonderful family-friendly events that foster those community-strength-ening relationships. Music and Movie nights are back! Join us for music by the California Cowboys, enjoy a delicious barbecue from the Evergreen Coffee Company and stay for an evening movie with your friends, family and neighbors.

Movie Night is sponsored by Involved Evergreen with a Community Action and Pride Grant from the City of San José, along with Shapell Industries and my office. District 8 Roundtable will join in cosponsoring the showing of a classic film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman to movie rights we can't mention the title but I bet you can guess!) will begin at dusk on Friday, June 24 in the Evergreen Village Square following dinner and a con-

cert in the park.

Additional movie and concerts in the park will take place on July 8 and Aug. 5. For more information follow this link http://www.ever-

greenvillagesquare.com/events.html Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011 for National Night Out. This night is set aside as an inexpensive way to promote community spirit and police-community partnerships in an effort to create safer hoods. For more information and resources for your neighborhood follow the link http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/.

If you need assistance or have any ques-tions, please contact my office at (408) 535-4908 or by e-mail a district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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I welcome your input on issues and I look forward to seeing you out and about during the summer months!

